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G.O. No. 1606

Dated 29-6-56

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Despatch Abstract.

Sub: Forests - South Kanara at Coondapur Taluk
Reservation of certain areas - Orders issued

Ref.A7.12872-55.

S.Kanara Collector's office
Mangalore dated 22.11.55.

From

Sri M.G.Raja Ram, I.A.S.
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department,
Fort St.George Madras 9

Sir,

FORESTS--South Kanara District--Coondapur taluk--Reservation of certain areas--Objections--Report submitted.

Ref: 1.Memorandum submitted by the villagers of Hengavalli etc villages to the Minister for Agriculture through Sri S.S.Kolkeball, M.L.A on 23.4.55.
2.G.O.Ms.No.1406 Agriculture dated 25.5.55.
3.This office Ref.A7.12872-55 dated 9.6.55.
4.This office Ref.A7.12872-55 dated 13.8.55.

The Special Forest staff sanctioned in G.O.Ms.No.248 Agriculture dated 29.1.54 has surveyed and demarcated the unreserves of this district and has formulated proposals for the reservation of certain areas in the following villages, which are either contiguous to existing Reserve Forests, or are considered to be good blocks conducive to the good growth of timber species:-

1.Delampady	347.50 acres
2.Shirady-Kodimbala	886.00 "
3.Hengavally	1251.00 "
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11.Aletty	520.00 "

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
28 NOV 1955
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

The present memorandum is against these proposals in respect of Hengavally, Ratadi, Belve, Albadi and Amasheball villages of Coondapur Taluk.

2. The main apprehensions of the villagers are that the reservation of the areas will curtail, if not completely extinguish their privileges and that they will be subjected to the ravages of wild beasts on account of the proximity to the reserve boundary.

3. I inspected the villages of Albady, Belve and Hengavally on 27.6.55 with the Dt.Forest Officer, South Kanara and Sri S.S.Kolkeball, M.L.A along with many villagers of these villages. In Albady village,

we noticed quite an amount of denudation in the unreserved area. The area proposed to be reserved in this village is only 266 acres out of an unreserve of 1037 acres. In Amashebail, it is 174 acres out of 1300 acres of unreserves. The present proposal in Belve village is to reserve 475 acres of land out of the total unreserve of 960 acres. An extent of 100 acres of this 475 acre will probably go towards a proposed land colonisation scheme, thus leaving only 375 acres for reservation as Forest. The proposed area for reservation in Hengavally village, is 1251 acres with a beautiful stand of Hopea. The total extent of unreserves in this village is 2360 acres. In all the villages it is the common protest that they do not want to be enclosed on all the three sides by Reserved Forests, lest they should be squeezed out of their holdings.

4. Regarding the apprehensions of the villagers, I assured them that whatever privileges, they are now enjoying would be safeguarded and that they need have no fear on that account. As regards their fear of the wild beasts, I am afraid, it is more imaginary than real, because the wild beasts cannot possibly make any difference between reserved and unreserved forests, if at all they decide to come down and endanger the people and the crops. I suggested to the villagers whether a buffer area of 200 yards wide instead of the usual 100 yards width from the boundaries of their holdings, whether Kadim warg or hosagane would be acceptable to them. On my assurance that their existing privileges shall be safeguarded they are agreeable to this suggestion. The Dt.Forest Officer South Kanara who was with me, is also agreeable to this.

5. I, therefore, submit that the reservation proposals may be ordered to be revised leaving a belt, 200 yards wide from the boundary of occupied lands, both kadim, warg and Hosagane. In addition, in individual cases, where there might be inconvenience or real hardship, it may be left to the discretion of the Forest Settlement officer, to give some suitable and necessary concessions. The people are satisfied with this and it is a reasonable concession which should be acceptable.

6. A comparative statement showing the area as proposed by the

Forest Department and the approximate area that will be available for reservation leaving 200 yards as buffer zone in these villages is enclosed.

7. As regards the general proposals for extention of unreserves for inclusion in Reserved Forest in this district, my attempt to obtain the considered opinion of the members of the Legislature representing this district and the President and the Vice-President of the District Board, as directed in G.O.Ms.No.1406 Agriculture dated 25.5.55 were not fully successful. The last District Planning Board meeting on 31.10.55 was attended by only one M.L.A and even he did not evince much interest in the matter. The M.L.As of this district have not interested themselves in this subject. I, therefore, submit that my proposals at para 5 above, may be adopted in respect of other reservation proposals in this district also. I am most anxious that the reservation proposals should go through as early as possible as otherwise the District will gradually lose its beautiful forests.

Yours faithfully,

25.11.55
For Collector.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue Chepauk Madras 5
Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests Madras
Copy to the District Forest Officer, South Kanara.

ANNEXURE.

Name of village.	Total area of unreserves in acres.	Area surveyed and proposed for reservation by Forest Department.	Area available for reservation after leaving a buffer zone of 200 yards.
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Amashebail	1300	174	64
Total	6707	2677	1493

S.Kanara Collector's office)
Mangalore dated 22.11.1955.)

25.11.55.
For Collector.

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Memo. No. 103840 C IV / 55-1 dt 6.12.55

Sub Forests - South Kanara - Coondapur TK - Reservation of certain areas - Objections -

Ref From the Collector of S. Kanara Dt. reference no. A.7. 12872-55 dt 22.11.55.

A copy of the ~~letter~~ referenced cited is forwarded to the C.C.F. Madras for urgent remarks through the Board of Rev (dR).

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To
The C.C.F. Madras. } enclosed a copy
The Bd of Rev Madras } of PPI-3 (1).

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MADRAS FOREST DEPARTMENT
Ref: No. 2622/55.G. dated 21-1-56.

From
Sri S.K. Bassu, I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of forests,
Madras-5.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department,
Madras-9.

Through

The Board of Revenue,
Chepauk,
Madras-5.

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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24 JAN 1956
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Sir,

Sub: FORESTS--South Kanara--Coondapur taluk--Reservation of certain areas--Objections:

Ref: Government Memo. No.103840.CIV/55-1 Agri, dated 6/12/55.

I submit that as reported already in Chief Conservator's Ref: No. 5892.D1/48 dated 29/1/1953 the total extent of unreserves in South Kanara district was ~~72x6145~~ 726145 acres, out of which 133 blocks covering an area of 54622 acres (excluding patches less than 100 acres in extent) were considered suitable for reservation. In G.O. Ms. 248 Agriculture dated 29/1/1954 Government sanctioned a special staff for the survey of these blocks for reservation.

2. The Conservator of Ootacamund Circle subsequently proposed that the reservation of isolated blocks less than 1000 acres in extent should be given up their protection being difficult and uneconomic. This has further reduced the area available for reservation to 28043 acres. The Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund circle has issued further instructions to the Range officers to exclude reasonable extents from the proposed blocks in order to avoid the creation of numerous enclosures within these blocks, please see para 1 of my reference No.2622/55. G. dated 16/3/55 in reply to Government Memo. No. 10279/CIV$55-2 Agriculture, dated 28/2/55. This will reduce the area still further.

3. At this stage, the Collector of South Kanara, in his letter No.A7. 12872/55.D. dated 22/11/55 communicated with the Government Memo. cited, suggested that a belt of 200 yards from occupied lands, should be left out of reservation throughout the district. As may be seen from the annexure to his letter, the suggestion of the Collector if given effect to will reduce the areas available for reservation still further.

4. It has already been brought to the notice of Government that the areas selected for reservation mostly adjoin Reserved Forests and contain luxuriant forest growth and that they have to be reserved and conserved. Popular support cannot be expected in the matter of reservation.

5. Further if the Collector's suggestion to leave 200 yards belt from occupied lands in the case of new reservations is approved, it is likely to

to create a bad precedent and the ryots will claim similar concessions in future. In this connection I enclose a copy of Reference No. 9004/54.M. dated 28/12/1955 from the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund circle.

Copied below

6. For the reasons stated above I suggest that the belts of 200 yards width as suggested by the Collector may be allowed only in cases where it is considered absolutely essential. In all other cases the existing practice may be allowed to continue.

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Blv.23.2. for Chief Conservator of forests.

Copy submitted to Govt. Agriculture Department, Madras-9.

Copy of Ref: No.9004/54.M. dated 28/12/1955 from the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund circle, Ootacamund to the Chief Conservator of forests, Madras-5.

Sub: FORESTS--South Canara--Coondapur taluk--reservation of certain areas--objection.

Ref: Chief Conservator's Ref: No.2622/55.G. dt. 23/12/55.

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2. I do not also consider that the suggestion of the Collector in para 5 of his reference cited, to the effect that the Settlement Officer should be authorised to grant suitable concessions not called for under the existing law in reserved forests to be formed in future to individuals, is desirable or necessary. Ryots in the adjacent District of Malabar, where conditions are almost indentical, manage their cultivation adjacent to reserved forests without the exercise of any Kadam warg or Hasagame privileges and without any 100 or 200 yards of buffer area. A buffer area is a good suggestion if it could be preserved inviolate from occupation. Unfortunately experience has shown that it cannot be so preserved for long and as the ryot encroaches or is assigned land in the buffer area, there will be demands for creation of a fresh buffer area by disreservation. The policy of reservation has been undertaken with the sole idea of preserving for posterity before it is too late a portion of the beautiful but rapidly disappearing unreserves of the District with a view to provide for the fuel and small timber needs of the population and to manimise the adverse effects of excessive soil ercsion, an increased flood regime and a lowering of the hot weather water table in this high rainfall zone. The fact that no M.L.A. has taken an interest in the matter of alleged village grievances can, it is submitted, be taken as presumptive

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Sd.E.A.Lasrado,
Conservator of forests,
Ootacamund circle, Ooty.

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The memo at P. 5 ante and the advance copy of the C.C.'s report at pp 7-11 ante may be perused. Bd's remarks may be awaited till 12.2.56.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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FORESTS - (South Kanara) - Coondapur Taluk - Reservation of certain areas - Objection - Report - Board's remarks - submitted.

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Memo. no. 103840 CIV/55-5 dt. 28.2.56

Sub Forests - South Kanara - Coondapur taluk - Reservation of certain areas - Objections.

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The attention of the Bd. of Rev (LR) is invited to the C.C's ref. no 2622/55a. dt 21.1.56 sent through the Bd. and it is requested to expedite its remarks thereon.

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Copy of letter Ref.No.2622/55.G, dated 21-1-1956 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras-5., to the Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Madras-9., through the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, Madras-5.

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Ootacamund Circle, Ooty.

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For Secretary

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AGRICULTURE (C.IV) DEPARTMENT

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SUB: FORESTS - South Kanara District - Coondapur Taluk - Reservation of certain areas - Orders issued.

READ AGAIN: G.O. Ms. No. 248, Agriculture, dated 29th January, 1954.

G.O. Ms. No. 1406, Agriculture dated 25th May, 1955.

READ ALSO: From the Collector of South Kanara, Ref. No. A7. 12872/55 dated 22-11-1955.

From the C.C.F., Ref. No. 2622/55-G dated 21-1-1956.

From the Board of Revenue (LR) B.P. Mis. 326, Dated 14-3-1956.

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G.O. (MS) No: 1606 Dt: 28.6.56

In G.O. Ms. No. 248, Agriculture dated 29-1-1954 sanction was accorded to the employment of special staff in connection with the work of preliminary survey etc. of unreserves in South Kanara Division ~~of~~ suitable for reservation under the Madras Forest Act. After survey and demarcation of the unreserves in South Kanara District, proposals were submitted for the reservation of certain areas in the following areas of Coondapur Taluk:

1.	Delampady	347.50 Acres
2.	Shirady-Kodimbala	886.00 acres
3.	Hengavally	1251.00 acres
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However, in their petition dated 17-1-1955 the pattadars and cultivators of Aletti Village, Puttur Taluk, ~~S.~~ S.Kanara District represented against

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the reservation of 2,000 acres in the area. Thereupon the Collector of South Kanara was asked to convene a meeting of M.L.As of the District, the President and Vice-President of the District Board and to forward their opinion with his remarks.

PP 36-37 (K)

2. The Collector has stated that the representation is against the proposals for the reservation of Hongavally, Hatadi Belve, Albadi and Amashebail villages. He has reported that the main apprehension of the villagers are that the reservation of the areas will curtail their privileges and that they will be subjected to ravages of wild beasts on account of the proximity of the reserve boundary. He has stated that on an assurance that the privileges they are enjoying would be safeguarded, they are agreeable to the suggestion to have a buffer area of 200 yards wide instead of 100 yards as usual, whether Kadimwarg or Hosagame and that the D.F.O. South Kanara is also agreeable to this. He has therefore suggested that the reservation proposals may be ordered to be revised leaving a heavy belt of 200 yards from the boundary of these occupied lands both from the Kadiwarg and Hosagame and that in individual cases where there might be inconvenience of real hardship, it may be left to the discretion of the Forest Settlement Officer to give some suitable and necessary concessions. The C.C.F. has stated that the belt area of 200 yards suggested by the Collector may be allowed

Para 1 on P. 1 ✓

Para 2 on P 1 ✓

Para 4 on P. 2 ✓

Para 5 on P. 2 ✓

Para 6 on P 9 ✓

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where it is considered absolutely essential and that in all other cases only in cases the existing practice may be allowed to continue. ~~The Board has agreed with the views of the C.C.F.~~ The Government ~~however~~ agree with ~~to~~ the suggestion of the Collector of South Kanara. ~~The Government therefore~~ and direct that the proposal for reservation of the area may therefore be revised accordingly.

Para 2 on P. 154

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To The Collector of South Kanara.
To The C.C.F. Madras.
To The Board of Revenue.
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AGRIC. IV. DEPT.

Sub: Forests--South Kanra District--Coondapur taluk--Reservation of certain areas--Objections.

Ref: From the Collector of South Kanara Ref. A.7.12872/55, dt.22-11-55.

The reference from the Collector of South Kanara at pp.1-3.c.f. may be perused.

2. In their petition dated 17-11-55 the pattadars and cultivators of Aletti village, Puttur Taluk, South Kanara District, represented against the demarcation of about 2000 acres in the village as Reserved Forest under the provisions of the Madras Forest Act. They requested the Minister for Agriculture to personally inspect the area for the purpose and also to stay further proceedings in the matter in the meanwhile. Sri K.R. Karanth, Advocate, Mangalore, made a similar request.

3. The Minister accordingly visited the area during his South Kanara tour in April 1955, and discussed the matter on the spot with the local representatives and the D.F.O. The D.F.O. brought to the notice of the Minister that proposals for extension of reserves to unreserved areas in the District to the extent of about 9000 acres ~~are~~ were pending with the Govt. The Minister explained at the meeting that out of a forest area of nearly 2000 Sq. miles in South Kanara District only 800 sq. miles have been classified as reserves and that there is no doubt as to the need for extension of the reserved areas in the interest of the district. It was brought to the notice of the Minister that out of the 2000 acres to be included in the reserves, to which objection has been raised, there was a block of 400 acres, which ~~were~~ was not cultivated, contiguous to the reserves and that there could be no objection to their reservation. The Minister therefore instructed the D.F.O. to take

action in the matter. The C.C.F. was accordingly requested to issue necessary instruction to the D.F.O. to proceed with the proposal for the reservation of the area. As regards the general proposals for the extension of the unreserves for inclusion in the R.F. the Minister explained at the meeting, that the Collector would convene a meeting of the Members of the Legislature of the District, and the President and Vice President of the District Board and take their considered opinion and forward it to Govt. The Collector was therefore ordered to act accordingly and forward their opinion as well as his own remarks in the matter.

Para 2 on P. 36 of (R)

'X' at P. 34 of (R)

Para 3 on PP 36-37 of (R)

4. The Collector of South Kanara District has stated that the Special Forest Staff sanctioned in G.O.Ms.No.248 Agri. dt.29-1-54 has surveyed and demarcated the unreserves of the South Kanara District and has formulated proposals for the reservation of certain areas in the following villages which are either contingiuous to the existing Reserved Forests or are considered to be good blocks conducive to the good growth of timber species:-

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He has ~~forwarded~~ pointed out that the present memorandum is against the proposal for reservation of Hengavally, Ratadi, Belve, Albadi and Amashebail Villages of Coondapur.

Para 1 on P. 1 of.

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Para 4 on P. 2 of

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7. In the circumstances stated above, it is for orders.

(i) whether the suggestion of the Collector of South Kanara at 'A' on P. 3 above will be accepted,

or

(ii) whether the remarks of the C.C.F. may be obtained through the Board of Revenue (L.R.) before taking a final decision in the matter.

'A'

Sd/- Pl. bring 2.12.

Taken in person 2/12/55

The remarks of the C.C.F on the suggestions made by the Collector, may be called for, especially as the suggestions involve a deviation from the usual procedure in similar cases.

'A' above may be approved.

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With reference to orders on P.4 ante, a draft memo is submitted below for approval

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Issued as Govt. Memo.No.103840 C.IV/55-1, dt.6-12-55.

From the C.C.F. ref.No.2622/55-c1, dt.21-1-56.

From the Board of Revenue (L.R.) B.P.Mis.326, dt.& 14-3-56.

The Memo at p.5 c.f. and the replies thereto from the C.C.F. and the Board of Revenue (L.R.) at pp.15-19 c.f. may be perused.

Para 1 on P.7 cf.

2. The C.C.F. has stated that the total unreserves in South Kanara District was 7,26,145 acres, out of which 133 blocks covering an area of 54622 acres were considered suitable for reservation and in G.O.Ms.No.248 Agri. dt.29-1-54 the Government sanctioned a spedial staff for the survey of these block for reservation, and that the Conservator, Ootacamund Circle subsequently proposed that the reservation of isolated blocks less than 1000 acres in extent should be given up as their protection is difficult and uneconomic which further reduced the area available for reservation to 28043 acres. He has further stated that the Conservator issued further instructions to the Range Officers to exclude reasonable extents from the proposed blocks in order to avoid the creation of numerous enclosures within these blocks and that this will reduce the area still further. He has therefore stated that the suggestion of the Collector of S.Kanara to leave a belt of 200 yds from occupied lands, if given effect to will reduce the area available for reservation still further, that it has already been brought to the notice of Government that the areas selected for

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reservation mostly adjoin Reserved Forests and contain luxuriant forest growth; that they have to be reserved and conserved and that popular support cannot be expected in the matter of reservation. He has pointed out that if the suggestion of the Collector in the case of new reservation is approved, it is likely to create a bad precedent and the ryots will claim similar concessions in future. He has therefore suggested that for the reasons stated above, the belt of 200 yds. width as suggested by the Collector may be allowed only in cases where it is considered absolutely essential and that in all other cases the existing practice may be allowed to continue.

Para 4 on P 74

Para 5 on P. 74

Para 6 on P 94

3. The Board of Revenue has stated that in the same district in Kasargode taluk on the specific recommendation of the Collector, supported by the Board, the Govt. in their G.O.Ms.3788 Revenue dt.8-12-55 ordered that the encroachments in the buffer area of 100 yds. width can be permitted by the Collector, lying 50 yds. away from the limits of Reserved Forests and that encroachments lying in this 50 yds. limits should be evicted and that there is therefore no necessity for buffer area. The Board has stated that however allowing too wide a buffer area will facilitate encroachments coming in, and it may be necessary to take action for regularising occupations upto 50 yds. from Reserved Forest as in the case dealt in the above order if a wider buffer area is allowed, and is therefore of the view that there is no need to allow 200 yds. buffer area recommended by the Collector. It has also stated that another point for consideration is whether the ryots will be deprived of the grazing facilities. It has explained that the buffer area is not meant for occupation and for any effective use by ryots but it is meant for protection for the forests and should be left vacant. It has therefore agreed with the views of the

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C.C.F. that 200 yds. width suggested by the Collector may be allowed only in cases where it is considered essential.

4. It is therefore for orders:-

(i) whether the suggestion of the Collector of South Kanara will be agreed to and the reservation proposals in Coondapur Taluk in South Kanara District may be ordered to be revised leaving a belt area of 200 yds. from the boundary of occupied lands and that in individual cases, where there might be inconvenience of real hardship, it may be left to the Forest ~~Department Offic~~ Settlement Officer to give some suitable and necessary concessions.

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(b) whether the views of the C.C.F. and the Board of Revenue (L.R.) may be accepted and the suggestion that the belts of 200 yds. width as suggested by the Collector may be allowed only in cases where it is considered absolutely essential and that in all other cases the existing practice may be allowed to continue.

Revenue and Finance may see for remarks.

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Out of the eleven villages in which reservation proposals are pending, only 5 villages have protested. The area proposed for reservation in these 5 villages is 2677 acres. The total unreserves in these villages is 6707 acres. The proposal of the Collector is to persuade the villagers to accept the reservation by leaving

a bigger buffer area of 200 yds width. As seen in the GO Rev 3786 dt 18/12/56 cited in para 3 on p 6 ante, the usual practice is only to leave 100 yds width. The buffer area is obviously only to protect the forests. The collector's suggestion of a wider buffer area effectively means undertaking reservation of a smaller extent. As the CCF has pointed out, it is not always possible to reserve with popular support. In the circumstances, the 200 yards buffer gives up nearly 1200 acres out of 2697 acres proposed for reservation. It is not desirable. The CCF's suggestion at A on p 6 ante to allow a buffer belt of 200 yds only in cases where it is considered absolutely essential may be accepted. It has been accepted by the Board of Revenue also

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

To A.S. Rev. Dept

Please see the notes from p/1 onwards.

2. This Dept. may agree to the proposal at K on pre page.

3. The file may be passed on to Finance.

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The proposal is to order the reservation of 2677 acres of unreserves out of a total extent of 6707 acres of unreserves in the five villages of the boundary of taluk, South Kanara Dt. after leaving a buffer area of 200 yards width from the boundary of the occupied lands only in cases where it is considered absolutely essential. (as against a width of 100 yds which is usually allowed in similar cases). This proposal of the Agri. department is based on the recommendation of the C.C.F. with which the Bd. of Rev. has agreed. Rev. department are also agreeable to the proposals. The notes from p.1 above may be perused. This department may agree to the proposal.

After orders are passed, the file may be returned to Agri.

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AGRICULTURE (C.IV) DEPARTMENT

NOTE FOR CIRCULATION

The file deals with a proposal for reservation of certain areas in South Kanara District.

2. In their petition dated 17-1-1955 the pattadars and cultivators of Aletti village, Puttur Taluk, South Kanara District, represented against the demarcation of about 2,000 acres in the village as Reserved Forest under the provisions of the Madras Forest Act. They requested the Minister for Agriculture to personally inspect the area for the purpose and also to stay further proceedings in the matter in the meanwhile. Sri. K.R. Karanth, Advocate, Mangalore, made a similar request.

3. The Minister accordingly visited the area during his South Kanara tour in April 1955, and discussed the matter on the spot with the local representatives and the D.F.O. The D.F.O. brought to the notice of the Minister that proposal for extension of reserves to unreserved areas in the District to the extent of about 9,000 acres were pending with the Government. The Minister explained at the meeting that out of a forest area of nearly 2,000 sq. miles in South Kanara District only 800 sq. miles have been classified as reserves and that there is no doubt as to the need for extension of the reserved areas in the interest of the district. It was brought to the notice of the Minister that out of the 2,000 acres to be included in the reserves, to which objection has been raised there was a block of 400 acres which was not cultivated, contiguous to the reserves and that there could be no objection to their reservation. The Minister therefore instructed the D.F.O. to take action in the matter. The C.C.F. was accordingly requested to issue necessary instructions to the D.F.O. to proceed with the proposal for the reservation of the area.

As regards the general proposals for the extension of the unreserves for inclusion in the Reserved Forest the Minister explained at the meeting, that the Collr. would convene a meeting of the Members of the Legislature of the District, and the President and Vice-President of the District Board and take their considered opinion and forward it to Government. The Collector was therefore ordered to act accordingly and forward their opinion as well as his own remarks in the matter.

4. The Collector of South Kanara District has stated that the Special Forest staff sanctioned in GO Ms. No. 248, Agriculture, dated 29-1-1954 has surveyed and demarcated the unreserves of the South Kanara District and has formulated proposals for the reservation of certain areas in the following villages which are either contiguous to the existing Reserved Forests or are considered to be good blocks conducive to the good growth of timber species:-

1.	Delampady	347.50 acres.
2.	Shirady-Kodimbala	886-00 acres.
3.	Hengavally	1251.00 acres
4.	Suranjikana	182-00 acres.
5.	Rattadi	511.00 acres.
6.	Belve	475.00 acres.
7.	Albadi	266.00 acres.
8.	Amashebail	174.00 acres
9.	Devachalla	934.00 acres.
10	Kuthatuhola	1100.00 acres.
11	Aletty	520.00 acres.

He has pointed out that the present memorandum is against the proposal for reservation of Hengavally, Ratadi, Belve, Albadi and Amashebail villages of Coondapur.

5. The Collector has stated that the main apprehensions of the villagers are that the reservation of the areas will curtail, if not completely extinguish their privileges, and that they will be subjected to ravages of wild beasts on account of the proximity of the reserve boundary. He has

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~~He has~~ stated that he inspected the villages of Albady, Belve and Hengavally on 27-6-1955 with the DFO South Kanara, and Sri. S.S. Kolkebail, M.L.A., along with many villagers ~~of the villages~~, and that the common protest in ~~the~~ all the villages is that the villagers do not want to be enclosed on all sides by Reserved Forests, lest they should be squeezed out of their holdings. ~~He~~ The only has reported that their fear of wild beast is more imaginary than real, ~~that~~ he has assured them that the privileges they are enjoying would be safeguarded, that on this assurance they are agreeable to his suggestion to have a buffer area of 200 yards wide instead of 100 yards as usual, from the boundaries of their holdings, whether Kadim Warg or Hosagame, and that the DFO South Kanara is also agreeable to this. He has therefore suggested that the reservation proposals may be ordered to be revised leaving a belt of 200 yards wide from the boundary of occupied lands, both Kadimbarg and Hosagame and that in individual cases, where there might be inconvenience of real hardship, it may be left to the discretion of the Forest Settlement Officer, to give some suitable and necessary concessions. A comparative statement showing the area as proposed for reservation by the Forest Department in these villages and the approximate area that will be available for reservation leaving 200 yards as buffer zone, is given below:

Name of Village	Total area of unreserves (in acres)	Area surveyed and proposed for reservation by Forest Department.	Area available for reservation after leaving a buffer zone of 200 yards.
Hengavally	2360	1251	633
Rattadi	1050	511	380
Belve	960	475	260
Albadi	1037	266	156
Amashebail.	1300	174	64
Total	6707	2677	1493

6. As regards the general proposals for extension of unreserves for inclusion in the Reserved Forest in the district, the Collector of South Kanara has stated that his attempt to obtain the considered opinion of the members of the Legislature representing the district and the President and the Vice-President of the District Board, as directed in para 3 of the G.O. Ms. No. 1406, Agri. dated 25-5-55 were not fully successful, that the last District Planning Board meeting on 31-10-55 was attended by only one MLA and even he did not evince much interest in the matter and that the MLAs of the District have not interested themselves in this subject. He has therefore suggeste that his proposals at 'A' at ~~para. 4~~ p12 above may be adopted in respect of other reservation proposals in the District. He is anxious that the reservation proposals should go through as early as possible as otherwise the District will gradually lose its beautiful forests.

7. The C.C.F. has stated that the total unreserve in South Kanara District was 7 26,145 acres, out of which 133 blocks covering an area of 54,622 acres were considered suitable for reservation and in G.O. Ms. No. 248, Agri., dated 29-1-54 the Government sanctioned a special staff for the survey of these block for reservation, and that the Conservator, Ootacamund Circle subsequently proposed that the reservation of isolated blocks less than 1000 acres in extent should be given up as their protection is difficult and uneconomic which further reduced the area vailable for reservation to 28,043 acres. He has further stated that the Conservator issued further instructions to the Range Officers to exclude reasonable extents from the proposed blocks in order to avoid the creation of numerous enclosures within these blocks and that this will reduce the

area still further. He has therefore stated that the suggestion of the Collector of South Kanara to leave a belt of 200 yards from occupied lands if given effect to will reduce the area available for reservation still further, that it has already been brought to the notice of Government that the areas selected for reservation mostly adjoin Reserved Forests and contain luxuriant forest growth; that they have to be reserved and conserved and that popular support cannot be expected in the matter of reservation. He has pointed out that if the suggestion of the Collector in the case of new reservation is approved, it is likely to create a bad precedent and the ryots will claim similar concessions in future. He has therefore suggested that for the reasons stated above, the belt of 200 yards width as suggested by the Collector may be allowed only in cases where it is considered absolutely essential and that in all other cases the existing practice may be allowed to continue.

8. The Board of Revenue has stated that in the same district in Kasargode taluk on the specific recommendation of the Collector, supported by the Board, the Government in their G.O. Ms 3788, Revenue, dated 8th December, 1955 ordered that the encroachments in the buffer area of 100 yards width can be permitted by the Collector, lying 50 yards away from the limits of Reserved Forests and that encroachments lying in this 50 yards limits should be evicted and that there is therefore no necessity for buffer area. The Board has stated that however allowing too wide a buffer area will facilitate encroachments coming in, and it may be necessary to take action for regularising occupations upto 50 yards from Reserved Forest as in the case dealt in the above orderif a wider buffer area is allowed, and is therefore of the view that there is no need to allow 200 yards buffer area recommended by the Collector.

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The Bd ~~It~~ has also stated that another point for consideration is whether the ryots will be deprived of the grazing facilities. and the ~~It~~ has explained that the buffer are is not meant for occupation and for any effective use by ryots but that it is meant for protection for the forests and should be left vacant. It has therefore agreed with the views of the Chief Conservator of Forests that 200 yards width suggested by the Collector may be allowed only in cases where it is considered essential.

9. This Department has therefore proposed to accept the suggestion of the Chief Conservator of Forests as agreed to by the Board of Revenue to allow a buffer belt of 200 yards only in cases where it is considered essential. Revenue and Finance Departments have agreed to the proposal.

10. The file is circulated for orders whether the views of ~~the views of~~ the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) that a belt of 200 yards width as suggested by the Collector may be allowed only in cases where it is considered absolutely essential and in other cases the existing practice may be allowed to continue, will be accepted.

A above may be approved.

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M (H) The Collector's suggestion as at 'A' on page 12 ante may be approved. 12.6.56

M (R) M. A. Moinuddin 5/6.

With reference to the orders in circulation, a draft order is submitted below.

Revenue and Finance may see before issue.

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The previous notes of this Dept. on p 9 ante, the typed notes on pp 10-15 ante, the orders in circulation on p 15 ante and the draft order below may be perused and the file passed on to Finance.

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The Summarising note and the orders in circulation on pp. 10-15 above; the further notes above and the draft order below may be perused.

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